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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK Index No.: JUAN RIVERA, Date Purchased: Plaintiff, **SUMMONS** VS. Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the place of trial HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., The basis of venue is: Defendant. Plaintiff's residence Plaintiff resides at 50 11th Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746

To the above-named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or, within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: New York, New York August 12, 2021

Yours, etc.,

SALVATORĖ ASARO

WEISER & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P.

Attorneys for Plaintiff:

JUAN RIVERA

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TO:

HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC. c/o Corporation Services Company 80 State Street Albany, NY 12207-2543 (Serve via Secretary of State) FILED: SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK 08/17/2021 04:12 PM

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	VERIFIED COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,	
Vs.	
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.,	
Defendant.	
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Plaintiff, by his attorneys, **WEISER & ASSOCIATES**, L.L.P., complaining of the Defendant, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

- 1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, was and still is a resident of the County of Suffolk, State of New York.
- 2. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., was and is a foreign business corporation authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.,
 owned a retail store located at 65 Crooked Hill Road, Commack, NY 11725.
- 4. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., supervised, managed, controlled and maintained the aforesaid premises.
- On July 9, 2020, plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, was a lawful customer at defendant's retail store located at 65 Crooked Hill Road, Commack, NY 11725.
- 6. On July 9, 2020, while plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, was lawfully on the aforesaid premises when a marble countertop fell on him, striking his head and body.

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- 7. That the above-mentioned occurrence, and the results thereof, were caused as a result of the negligence of the defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., in negligently and carelessly stacking marble countertops, creating a danger of same falling and injuring a prospective purchaser.
- 8. That the above-mentioned occurrence, and the results thereof, were caused as a result of the negligence of the defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., its agents, servants, employees and/or licensees, in the management, supervision, maintenance and control of the aforesaid premises.
- 9. That the aforementioned occurrence was caused solely and wholly by the negligence of the defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., without any negligence on the part of the plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, contributing thereto.
- 10. As a result of the aforementioned occurrence plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, sustained severe, grievous and permanent injuries; that he has experienced significant pain and suffering and will upon information and belief continue to experience the same for the rest of his life; that he has become and remains disabled from his usual and daily and customary activities; that he has incurred and upon information and belief will continue to incur medical hospital and surgical expenses.
- 11. That as a result of the foregoing, plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, has been damaged in the maximum sum permitted by law and the amount of damages sustained herein exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

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WHEREFORE, plaintiff, JUAN RIVERA, demands judgment against the defendant, HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., in a sum that will fairly and adequately compensate him for his injuries sustained, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York August 12, 2021

Yours, etc.

SALVATORE ASARO, ESQ.

WEISER & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P.

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):

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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

SALVATORE ASARO, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of

the State of New York, affirms the following to be true under the penalties of perjury:

I am an attorney at WEISER & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P., attorneys of record for Plaintiff,

JUAN RIVERA. I have read the annexed

SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT

and know the contents thereof, and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters

therein which are stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe

them to be true. My belief, as to those matters therein not stated upon knowledge, is based upon

facts, records, and other pertinent information contained in my files.

The reason this verification is made by me and not Plaintiff is that Plaintiff is not presently

in the county wherein the attorneys for the plaintiff maintain their offices.

Dated: New York, NY

August 12, 2021

SALVATORE ASARO, ES

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